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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL TQ FUNDING

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1. POST HAS FINALLY FINISHED REVIEW OF T.Q. FUNDS AND ALSO LONG RANGE REVIEW OF NEEDS OF THE EMBASSY OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. WE FIND THAT, PROVIDED THE EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPAND RAPIDLY, MOST OF OUR ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL NEEDS ARE TAKEN CARE OF. ONE CRITICAL ITEM LEFT IS THE EMBASSY HAS ABSOLUTELY NO WAREHOUSE.

2. AT PRESENT EMBASSY IS USING VARIOUS ROOMS IN AND AROUND THE COMPOUND, PLUS ONE HALF OF AN AID PROJECT WAREHOUSE. AID IS EXPANDING AND HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO VACATE ASAP. WHEN WE GIVE UP AID SPACE WE WILL BE FORCED TO STORE VALUABLE FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, SUPPLIES, AND OTHER COSTLY ITEMS IN WOODEN LIFT VANS.

3. PRESENT ADMIN OFFICER, PREVIOUS GSO, AND FSLE STAFF HAVE SEARCHED IN VAIN THROUGHOUT SANA FOR ANY WAREHOUSE SPACE THE CONCEPT OF WAREHOUSING DOES NOT SEEM TO EXIST OUTSIDE OF AID AND EMBASSY. THERE ARE NOT BUILDINGS IN SANA THAT CAN BE USED AS A WAREHOUSE. THEREFORE, EMBASSY HAS ONLY ONE ALTERNATIVE LEFT, -- ERECT A WAREHOUSE IN THE ADMIN COMPOUND, WHERE SPACE IS AVAILABLE.

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4. WE HAVE PRICED THE OPERATION AND HAVE FOUND TWO POSSIBLE METHODS OF ERECTING A WAREHOUSE:
(A) THROUGH LOCAL CONSTRUCTION, USING LOCAL METHODS AND LOCAL PRODUCTS, ALL OF WHICH ARE BECOMING EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE, A MODEST WAREHOUSE TYPE BUILDING WOULD COST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 35,000 DOLLARS.
(B) EMBASSY WAS RECENTLY APPROACHED BY AN ITALIAN FIRM WHICH SPECIALIZES IN PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS, INCLUDING COMPLETE WAREHOUSES. THE COMPANY (COMITEC) HAS ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN SANA AND HAS GIVEN EMBASSY A FIRM QUOTATION OF 30,939 DOLLARS. FROM TIME OF ORDER TO COMPLETION COMITEC HAS GUARANTEED NO MORE THAN 100 DAYS.

5. GIVEN BUREAU INTEREST IN PREFABRICATED CONSTRUCTION FOR THIS AREA, THE EXORBITANT COST OF LOCAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL AND LABOR AND THE PRESSING NEED FOR THE EMBASSY FOR THIS SPACE, WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY PREFAB. THIS WOULD BE A FIRST FOR YEMEN AND POSSIBLY COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR FUTURE COST SAVINGS NOT ONLY HERE, BUT OTHER NEA POSTS.

6. THE WAREHOUSE DESIGN IS SIMPLY BUT ADEQUATE FOR EMBASSY NEEDS. TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE IS 135 SQUARE METERS (QRTP SQ. FT.), WITH NECESSARY LIGHTING, VENTILATION, AND LARGE SLIDING DOOR. SINCE IT IS A PREFABRICATED STRUCTURE EMBASSY WOULD BE ABLE TO REMOVE IT SHOULD AT ANY TIME WE ACQUIRE OUR OWN PROPERTY OR DECIDE TO MOVE THE EMBASSY. THE ONLY THING LEFT BEHIND IS A CONCRETE SLAB. ADMIN BUILDING LEASE EXPIRES IN 1983.

7. A COMPLETE REVIEW OF SANA FISCAL SITUATION, PROMPTED BY REFTEL, INDICATES THAT POST CAN COVER LIONS SHARE OF COST FROM FUNDS ALREADY ALLOTTED BY BUREAU. THE ONLY ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED WOULD BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF: SHARED - 4,000 DOLLARS.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE BUREAU CONCURRENCE ON ABOVE PROJECT. POST HAS NO OTHER NEEDS THAT COULD REDUCE FY-77, AND FUTURE YEAR, REQUIREMENTS.
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